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SOURCE (A)

- All tickets and reservations for us were arranged by [REDACTED] the trip from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] being part of our itinerary approved by [REDACTED] officials. We originally were scheduled to depart from [REDACTED] in early afternoon on 4 Oct 55 but due to a change in train schedules we were delayed and actually departed on a later train which had better accommodations. Departing from [REDACTED] at about six ¹⁵/₁₆ o'clock, we traveled south at a speed of 25-30 mph, reaching [REDACTED] before dark. After stopping at [REDACTED], our direction of travel changed from south to west. At 7:10 o'clock exactly ten minutes after leaving [REDACTED] and 15 or 20 minutes before our arrival at [REDACTED] one of the party who was in an adjoining compartment rushed in and exclaimed, "I saw it! I just saw a flying saucer!" We had been talking and had not looked outside for some time. When we turned our attention to the window, we did not see anything unusual as the light was on in the compartment and it was twilight outside.
- We turned the light off as quickly as possible. At this time, I saw a shadow form above the horizon to the south. Its profile was not clearly outlined against the sky but appeared to be shaped like a partially deflated balloon with a slight dome on top. When I first saw it, it was off the ground and rising rather slowly in a vertical direction. There were two sources of light connected with the object, a white light on top and on the perimeter, a glow which was about the same color as an aircraft engine exhaust, white with a trace of pink. I have no estimate of its distance from us, possibly 1-2 miles. From this perspective it appeared to be about the size of a [REDACTED] which is rather stubby for fighter aircraft. It continued to rise vertically with the glow moving slowly around the perimeter in a clockwise direction giving the appearance of a pinwheel. When it reached an altitude of 10-15 degrees from the horizon, the spinning stopped, the glow remaining fixed on the side away from us, and it then moved toward us at tremendous speed passing over the train. I would estimate that it was much faster than a jet plane doing a fly-by. The light on top disappeared as it came toward us. The object did not seem to change size to any great extent as it came toward us. My viewing position at the window, incidentally, was approximately six feet above the level of the railroad track. I am six feet tall and I remember that once while standing beside the train my head came up to the bottom of the window. When I was viewing the object I was in a stooped position and looking out of the bottom of the window.



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3. About 45-90 degrees to the left of the point at which I first saw the object, were two white lights which appeared to be searchlights. These were visible, one of which was directed parallel to the ground, the other seemed to cross it directed toward the ground. They did not move and apparently were used for ground illumination.
4. The object which I saw could not have been either a rocket or missile; ~~it was not a rocket or missile~~. There was enough light remaining to definitely see a form; however, it was insufficient to distinguish a specific configuration. The slowly revolving light must have been related to its propulsion as it ceased revolving at the end of the vertical movement and remained in a fixed position to the rear of its direction of movement when it was swiftly toward us. I cannot estimate the time it was in sight but it was very short. My impression was that it was nearly vertically to the point where its movement changed to horizontal with a slight veering off at the point of intersection of the two lines.

SOURCE (E)

5. Our itinerary included a trip from ~~to~~ to ~~the next in that order~~. ~~arranged our~~ ~~for the entire trip but seemed to have difficulty because~~ ~~were being changed~~. I believe our schedule called for departure from ~~at~~ at about 2:00 in on 4 Oct 55 but upon reaching there we were informed that our train would not leave until later. We departed about 6:00 o'clock ~~in~~ ~~our~~ were placed in the ~~car~~ which had six compartments with two beds in each compartment, ~~the~~.

The incident described in this report was observed by four persons. OO-2-90229 contains the description of one of the group, and others' observations are described below. (The fourth person who first saw the object has not ~~been~~ ~~mentioned~~.) The estimated time of departure from ~~the~~ seems to be an error as it is approximately 36 miles from ~~the~~ to the point of observation of this object. Three of the sources agree that the average train speed was not in excess of 30 miles per hour thus the time required to traverse this distance was in excess of one hour and ten minutes. An earlier time of departure is further indicated by the fact that one of the party took some color photographs in sunlight in ~~the~~ just before departure. The dial was on the right side of car, the compartments on the left. The only other occupants of the car were the porter, a ~~general~~ and a ~~civilian~~ about 27 years old. The general retired about 6:30 stating that he had to get off at 2:00 o'clock in the morning. We did not see him again.

6. One of our party had retired to his compartment at about 6:45, the other two and I remained talking. Until about 7:00 o'clock we travelled parallel to ~~the~~. At that time our direction changed away ~~to~~ to a westerly direction. Ten minutes after turning, as we sat talking the fourth member of our party rushed into the compartment and said, "I just saw a flying saucer!" "Turn off the lights!" One of us turned off the lights and everyone pressed to the window. Someone asked where it was, to which he replied, "I just saw it coming up from over there. Here it is coming again!"
7. I did not see anything immediately but in a second or so I saw what appeared to be two eyes or lights associated with something coming up vertically. I looked to the left and saw a stationary object which resembled ~~searchlight~~. It had a reddish glow but did not seem to project a beam. I looked back at the moving object which appeared to be coming slowly toward us slightly above the horizon. I could not distinguish any shape or profile but it had one bright light and one dim one in the middle. I ~~thought~~ ~~it~~ ~~was~~ ~~coming~~ ~~from~~ ~~the~~ ~~west~~ ~~and~~ ~~was~~ ~~coming~~ ~~very~~ ~~fast~~, passing over the train. It probably was 6-7 seconds from the time I saw it until it disappeared. There was no sound heard over the noise of the train. I rushed out of the compartment to the window in the corridor on the other side of the car but could see nothing.

We composed ourselves and did not discuss the matter further. About five minutes later the porter came in and lowered the blinds, saying ~~it~~ ~~is~~ ~~better~~ ~~this~~ ~~way~~. He appeared slightly flushed, but not excited.

